Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1   Claim 1 (currently amended)   A mobile communication

2   terminal comprising:

3   an information managing portion; and

4   a nonvolatile storage medium managed by the

5   information managing portion and having a plurality of

6   memory areas each for storing a value of an information

7   item that is regularly accessed, wherein said information

8   managing portion stores one value of the information item

9   in one memory area and further wherein said information

10   managing portion subsequently stores an updated value of

11   the information item in a different memory area such that

12   the one value and the updated value are both concurrently

13   stored in the nonvolatile storage medium for some time

14   period,

15   wherein said information managing portion associates

16   a management number with each stored value of the

17   information item, with ~~the~~ <u>a different</u> management number

18   indicating an update of the stored value <u>compared to the</u>

19   <u>management number of the previously stored value</u>, wherein

20   the information managing portion utilizes the management

21   number to select the updated value of the information

22   item stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

        Claim 2 (canceled).

1   Claim 3   (previously presented)   A mobile

2   communication terminal comprising:

3   an information managing portion;

4   a nonvolatile storage medium; and

5   a volatile storage medium, wherein the nonvolatile

6   storage medium and the volatile storage medium are both

7   managed by the information managing portion; and wherein

8   said information managing portion stores identical

9   information into the nonvolatile storage medium and the

10 volatile storage medium, and further wherein said

11 information managing portion then compares the identical

12 information stored in both the nonvolatile storing medium

13 and the volatile storage medium for consistency during an

14 initial state, and further wherein said information

15 managing portion retrieves the information stored in the

16 nonvolatile storage medium if the information stored in

17 the volatile storage medium is not consistent with the

18 information stored in the nonvolatile storage medium.

1   Claim 4 (previously presented)   A mobile

2   communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein

3   said information managing portion checks for a normality

4   of the information by comparing with the information

5   stored in the nonvolatile storing medium unless a lack of

6   consistency of the information stored in the volatile

7   storing medium has occurred.

1   Claim 5 (previously presented)   A mobile

2   communication terminal as claimed in claim 4, wherein

3   said information managing portion stores the identical

4   information into the nonvolatile storing medium and the

5   volatile storing medium at different times.

1   Claim 6 (previously presented)   A mobile

2   communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein

3   said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory

4   areas each for storing a value of an information item,

5   and said information managing portion stores sequentially

6   the values of the information items into the plurality of

7   memory areas of the nonvolatile storing medium.

1   Claim 7 (previously presented)   A mobile

2   communication terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein

3   said nonvolatile storage medium has a plurality of memory

4   areas each for storing a value of an information item,

5   and wherein said information managing portion attaches

6   management numbers indicating updated sequences to

7   information having a higher update frequency to the

8   nonvolatile storage medium, with the attaching occurring

9   at the time of the updating of the information, and

10   further wherein said information managing portion decides

11   which updated sequences of information having the higher

12   update frequency based on management numbers when the

13   information managing portion looks up the information

14   stored in the nonvolatile storing medium.

1   Claim 8 (previously presented)   The mobile

2   communication terminal of claim 1, wherein the value of

3   the information item is time information.

1   Claim 9 (previously presented)   The mobile

2   communication terminal of claim 1, further comprising

3   only a single battery.

1   Claim 10 (previously presented)   The mobile

2   communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, wherein

3   said information managing portion associates a management

4   number with each stored value of the information item,

5   with the management number indicating an update of the

6   stored value, wherein the information managing portion

7   utilizes the management number to select the updated

8   value of the information item stored in the nonvolatile

9   storage medium.

     Claims 11-12   (canceled).

1   Claim 13 (previously presented)   The mobile

2   communication terminal of claim 16, wherein the

3   nonvolatile memory area is one of an EEPROM and a flash

4   ROM.

1   Claim 14 (previously presented)   The mobile

2   communication terminal of claim 16, further comprising

3   only a single battery.

1   Claim 15 (previously presented)   The mobile

2   communication terminal of claim 16, wherein the

3   information item represents time information.

1   Claim 16 (previously presented)   A mobile

2   communication terminal comprising:

3   an information managing portion; and

4   a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of

5   memory areas, wherein

6   said information managing portion stores a value of

7   an information item in the nonvolatile storage medium at

8   regular time intervals by cycling through the plurality

9   of memory areas such that each of said plurality of

10   memory areas has a value of the information item stored

11   therein, with each of the values being temporally shifted

12   when compared to each other, and further wherein, when a

13   request for a current value of the information item is

14   received,

15   said information managing portion determines which

16   of the values of the information item stored in

17   nonvolatile memory was most recently stored and retrieves

18   that value.

        Claim 17-19 (canceled).

1   Claim 20 (currently amended) A method for

2   extending the lifetime of a nonvolatile memory of a

3   communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

4   providing a wireless communication function for a

5   user of the communication device;

6   storing a one value of the information item in a

7   first memory area of the nonvolatile memory;

8   associating a first management number with said one

9   value;

10   storing an updated value of the information item in

11   a different memory area of the nonvolatile memory;

12   associating a second management number with said

13   updated value, said first management number chosen to be

14   different than said second management number; and

15   retrieving the updated value of the information item

16   by comparing the first management number with the second

17   management number to identify the updated value of the

18   information number,

19   wherein the one value and the updated value of the

20   information item are both concurrently stored in the

21   nonvolatile storage medium for some time period.

1   Claim 21   (new)   A method for extending the lifetime

2   of a nonvolatile memory of a communication device, the

3   method comprising the steps of:

4   providing a wireless communication function for a

5   user of the communication device;

6   storing a one value of the information item in a

7   first memory area of the nonvolatile memory;

8   associating a first management number with said one

9   value;

10   storing an updated value of the information item in

11   a different memory area of the nonvolatile memory;

12   incrementing or decrementing the value of said first

13   management number as a second management number;

14   associating said second management number with said

15   updated value; and

16   retrieving the updated value of the information item

17   by comparing the first management number with the second

18   management number to identify the updated value of the

19   information number,

20   wherein the one value and the updated value of the

21   information item are both concurrently stored in the

22   nonvolatile storage medium for some time period.

1   Claim 22 (new) A mobile communication terminal

2   comprising:

3   a volatile storage medium;

4   an information managing portion; and

5   a nonvolatile storage medium having a plurality of

6   memory areas, wherein

7   said information managing portion cycles through a

8   sequence of said plurality of memory areas for

9   concurrently storing a plurality of values of an

10   information item, and wherein

11   said information managing portion associates a

12   different management number with each one of said

13   plurality of values of the information item concurrently

14   stored, such that said information managing portion

15   retrieves the most recently stored value of the

16   information item when the mobile communications terminal

17   requests a value of the information item by utilizing

18   said different management numbers.